

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 and 6-10 remain pending in this Application. The present Amendment and Remarks are in response to the Office Action entered in the above identified application and mailed on June 17, 2004.

In the Office Action claims 1, 2, 6, 7, and 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,320,209 to *Hata*, and claims 8, 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being obvious in light of *Hata*. Claims 3 and 4 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

By the present amendments, claims 3 and 4 have been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In addition, claims 8 to 10 have been amended to include subject matter deemed allowable. No new matter has been introduced.

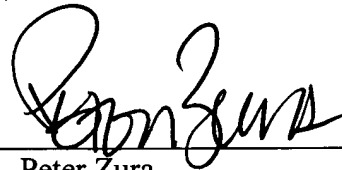
For these reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims as presently amended are all in condition for allowance. Applicant therefore requests that the Examiner allow the claims move the application to issue.

If any additional fees are required in connection with this response they may be charged to deposit account no. 02-1818.

Respectfully submitted,

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